

## Marshfield Conservation Commission

### 94th Meeting

November 4th 2015

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Allen Banbury, Annie Reed (Chair), Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, and Bob Popp

Minutes: October minutes approved unanimously as presented

#### Treasurers Report:

- Conservation budget same amount as previous
- Operating budget now \$157.64 after contributing to the Sue Morse presentation
- Need to put in for our town budget allocation. It will be \$300 unless we apply for more; any request for an increase would need to be done before Thanksgiving.
- Tony announced that he will resign at end of the year so Dec meeting will be his last one. We'll need a new Treasurer and Green Up Organizer which Tony has done for a number of years.

#### Beaver Baffles:

- Annie offered the assistance of the MCC in maintaining any baffles when she met with the SB about the issue.
- Suggestion to procure equipment such as hip waders.
- Suggestion to visit an installed baffle and get an idea of what maintenance entails.
- Suggestion to have Michael Gray come to a meeting, he maintains a number of baffles in Woodbury. Tentatively schedule for Veterans Day after 2:30 PM.

#### Conservation Fund Retreat:

- One topic was added by Steve: to upgrade streams in town to Class A or B1. We would make recommendations to the state who would amend the classification.
- For retreat **each person should be prepared to give a summary** of their topic along with a budget, timeline and discussion of the need.
- **Allen** will send put a list of topics to cover. **Note:** this is included at the end of the minutes
- **We will convene at 5Pm on Dec 2** and break for community dinner, reconvening afterwards.
- **Note: this was later changed to 6:30 on Dec 3rd.**

### Stranahan Update:

- Nobody on the Stranahan Stewardship Committee wants to the beaver killed, so town SB is looking into installing beaver baffles
- Nobody submitted a bid for logging in zones 23 and 24. No market for softwoods pulp.
- Suggestion to have a joint meeting with the SSC. **Annie** will contact Jenny to set up a joint meeting to discuss the management plan and joint interest in the SF. Perhaps have joint meetings on a regular basis.

### Natural Marshfield Series

- Sue Morse will discuss "Big Cats" at Haybarn theatre at **7Pm on 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov.** Free but donations will be solicited.
- Suggestion to have a table to display our books and also a display. Sara, Annie and Ed will set up. **Note:** subsequent to the meeting Sara purchased a small display board.

### Other Business:

- AVCC annual meeting on Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> in Randolph. Cost is \$15, the MCC will cover cost of anyone who wants to attend.
- Public hearing on Zoning Regs on Thurs, the 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Allen's list of topics** to be covered for each project for the retreat:

- The time needed to accomplish the project
- The location of the project
- Whether necessary permitting and/or approval is needed
- The expected overarching goal of the project
- The resources required: personnel, equipment, and financial
- The possible grant sources to fund/facilitate augment our funds
- Any outside expertise that might be necessary
- Any long term monitoring and/or maintainance requirements
- Any opportunity/need for community involvement
- Need for PR to inform the community about the project.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 1 December

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Accepted on: \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the November 4, 2015 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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